

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1445 - HB 1638

April 5, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities to accept pretrial detainees for mental evaluation within 10 days of a court order.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000

Decrease Local Govt Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000

Other Fiscal Impact – Decrease Federal Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000

Current capacity designated for use by forensic examinations at the Regional Mental Health Centers operates at 90 to 100% of capacity according to DMHDD. Accepting more pretrial detainees would displace other patients at the centers. The cost of pretrial detainees is funded by state appropriations while regular patients are usually funded by TennCare Partners. Annual average expenditures per patient at the regional centers is approximately \$21,600 annually.

TennCare expenditures are approximately 66% federal funding. Increasing the number of forensic patients and reducing the number of TennCare patients will increase state expenditures and reduce federal revenue. The amount cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

Moving local pre-trial detainees to state facilities will reduce local government jail expenditures. The amount cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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